



# SKCBA Newsletter

## May, 2008

South King County Bar Association  
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### **President's Message**

On April 26, 2008, the SKCBA hosted its first Open House and Zephyrs Bar and Grill. The event was a great success with more than 50 attorneys and Judges participating in the event. It was a fun evening to relax, enjoy good food and drink (courtesy of the SKCBA) and to meet with fellow attorneys and Judges. We plan on having a similar event in the near future.

### **May Dinner—Emerald Downs**

On Thursday May 29, 2008, we will have our annual South King County Bar Association swearing in ceremony and night at the races. The event will be held in the Shinpoch Room at Emerald Downs. Doors open at 4:30, first race is at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. The cost of the event is \$45.00. It includes admission to Emerald Downs, buffet dinner (roasted Salmon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, and all the fixings), program tip sheet, reserved seating in a private room, an assistant to help with your wagers, a picture in the winners circle for the SKCBA race, and an overall fun evening. Significant others and employees are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to: [President@SKCBA.org](mailto:President@SKCBA.org)

### **Court Budgets**

As some of you know, King County is projecting a significant budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year. Departments have been asked to find ways to cut their budgets. In particular, King County has asked our Courts to find a way to cut \$3.8 million from an already depleted budget.

Incoming President JD Huhs has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Curran Law Firm to discuss the anticipated budget cuts and prepare a strategy and cohesive plan of attack for the SKCBA to address this issue. Your involvement and participation at this meeting would be greatly appreciated. Please let JD Huhs know whether you will be able to attend so that he can make appropriate accommodations. He can be contacted via email at [jdhuhs@curranfirm.com](mailto:jdhuhs@curranfirm.com) or at (253) 852-2345.

**Of further note:** The figure above apparently only includes Superior Court, not District Court, which would involve another \$2.4 million in potential cuts.

### **Phil Beige Open—July 25, 2008**

Be sure to reserve July 25, 2008, for the Annual Phil Biege Open Golf Tournament at Riverbend Golf Course. More information to follow. If you want to reserve a spot now (individual, foursome, or dinner only), or if you're interested in sponsoring a table, hole or prize, please contact Mike Ditchik at: [MDitchik@hiplawfirm.com](mailto:MDitchik@hiplawfirm.com).

### **SKCBA Officers and Board Members**

The following Trustees and Officers were nominated by the nominating committee. If there are any additional nominations for the Open Trustee or Officer positions, except President, please email [President@skcba.org](mailto:President@skcba.org) no later than May 12. In the event no further nominations are received, the foregoing Trustees and Officers will be certified by the Election Board.

President: JD Huhs  
Vice-President: Brian Hanis  
Secretary: Marie White  
Treasurer: Phil Dunlap

OPEN TRUSTEE POSITIONS (up for election  
this year; term June 1, 2008-May 31 2010):

Nominees:

1. Judge Patrick R. Burns
2. Gregory Cromwell
3. Michael Ditchik
4. Shana Thompson

TRUSTEES THROUGH MAY 31, 2009:

1. Judge Richard Bathum
2. Timothy A. Jenkins
3. Judge Laura G. Middaugh
4. Harry Reichenberg

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